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A WAR OF TITANS. A BATTLE FOR JUSTICE.

JUSTICE LEAGUE **vs.** **GODZILLA vs. KONG** **2**

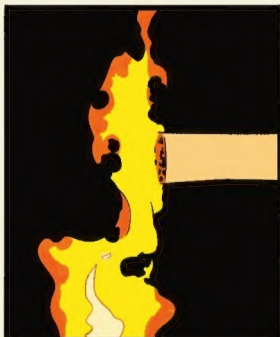
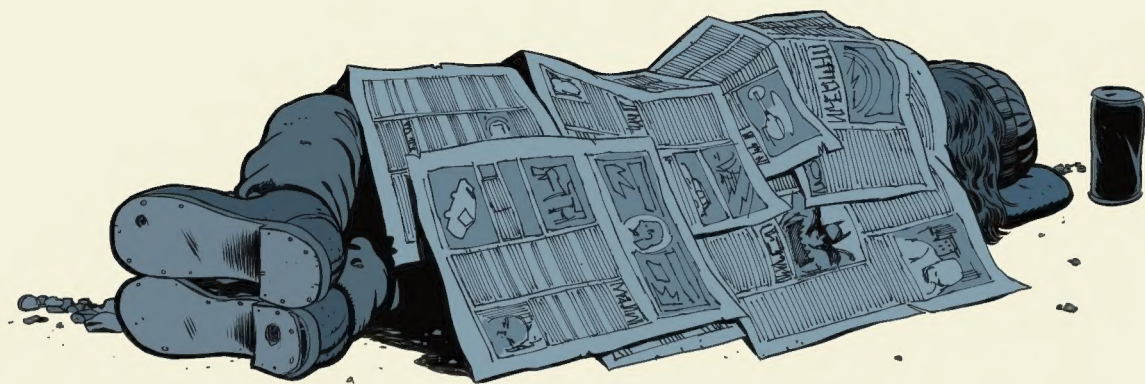


**THE COLOSSAL-SIZED SEQUEL TO
THE BESTSELLING ORIGINAL SERIES.**

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**SEVEN-ISSUE
SERIES
JUNE**



HE HADN'T HAD A HOME
TO GO TO IN TWENTY
YEARS, BUT IT'S ALL HE
COULD THINK THROUGH
THE HEAT AND THE PAIN--



I
WANNA
GO
HOME.

HOW
MANY
VICTIMS?



24.

AND
HOW MANY
PERPS?

ALSO
24.



ALL AT
THE SAME
TIME?

IT'S A
TRAGEDY,
I KNOW.

I BETTER
BE GETTING
OVERTIME
FOR THIS
S#!%.



GRAY CLOUDS GATHER AT THE EDGES. YOU CAN ALMOST MAKE OUT THE SHAPES OF PEOPLE, IF YOU SQUINT.

HERE COME THE NEIGHBORS.

RADIANT IN RESTRAINED GRIEF. SMUGGED, SPECTACULAR EXPRESSIONS OF LIFE.



THEY KNOW THE SCORE.

EVENTUALLY, EVERYTHING GOES UP IN A--

Puff

IT IS *WEIRD*, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT. I MEAN, 24 PEOPLE SETTING 24 SEPARATE SLEEPING BUMS ON FIRE AT EXACTLY THE SAME TIME.

FIGURED IT WAS SOME KIND OF *CULT* OR SOMETHING, BUT THEY CLAIM THEY DON'T KNOW EACH OTHER AND THERE'S NOTHING SAYING DIFFERENT.

So... WHY?

SAME WRONG QUESTION.

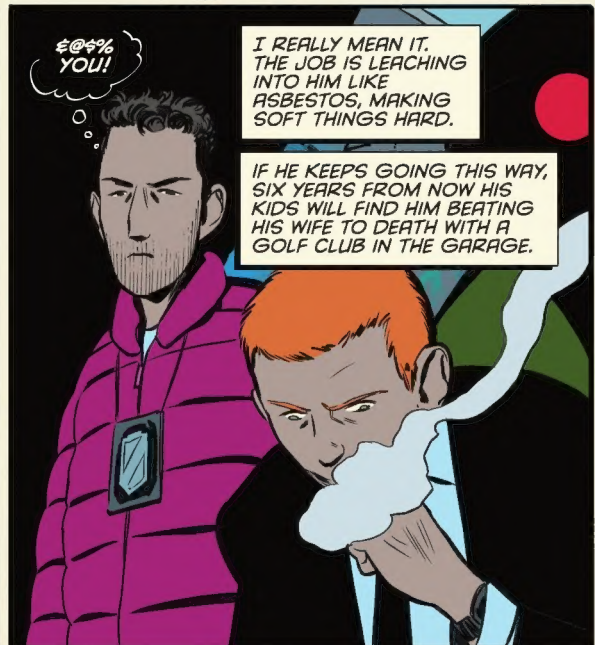


THAT'S *EASY*. PEOPLE ARE MOSTLY CRAZY AND DO #@%\$*~UP THINGS TO EACH OTHER FOR NO REASON AT ALL.

IS THAT YOUR PROFESSIONAL OPINION, DETECTIVE MAYWEATHER?

YOU BET.

THEN YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT CHANGING PROFESSIONS.



@@% YOU!

I REALLY MEAN IT. THE JOB IS LEACHING INTO HIM LIKE ASBESTOS, MAKING SOFT THINGS HARD.

IF HE KEEPS GOING THIS WAY, SIX YEARS FROM NOW HIS KIDS WILL FIND HIM BEATING HIS WIFE TO DEATH WITH A GOLF CLUB IN THE GARAGE.



I KNOW
I SOUND
CRAZY.
I KNOW
THAT.

BUT THE MARTIAN
WHO LIVES IN MY
HEAD ASSURES
ME I'M NOT.



RESIDUE
OF BAD IDEA
#937-231:
COMBUSTION-
COMPULSION...

...ARSON-
INSTINCT...

AND
(for some reason)
I BELIEVE HIM.

"THE
EMANCIPATION
OF THE
IMMOLATED."



I DON'T UNDERSTAND THESE
PEOPLE. WHY DON'T THEY JUST
GO TO THE SUNNYSIDE?
AT LEAST THEY'D BE
SAFE THERE.



BIG AL DIDN'T
LIKE SHELTERS.
PEOPLE WERE
ALWAYS @%*##*
WITH HIM IN THERE.
MAKING DARK
INTIMATIONS,
STEALING HIS
SHOES WHILE
HE SLEPT.

CONCEPT
CONSTELLATION:
HOME
SAFETY
SHELTER.



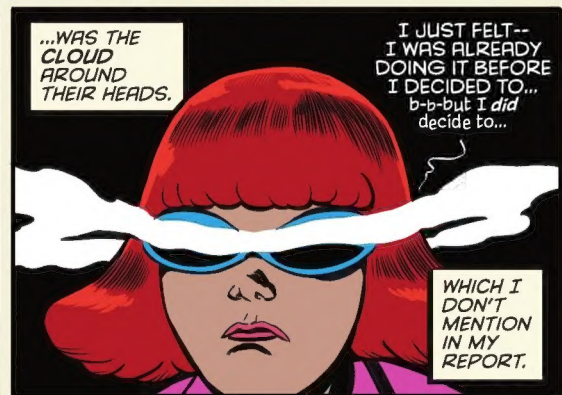
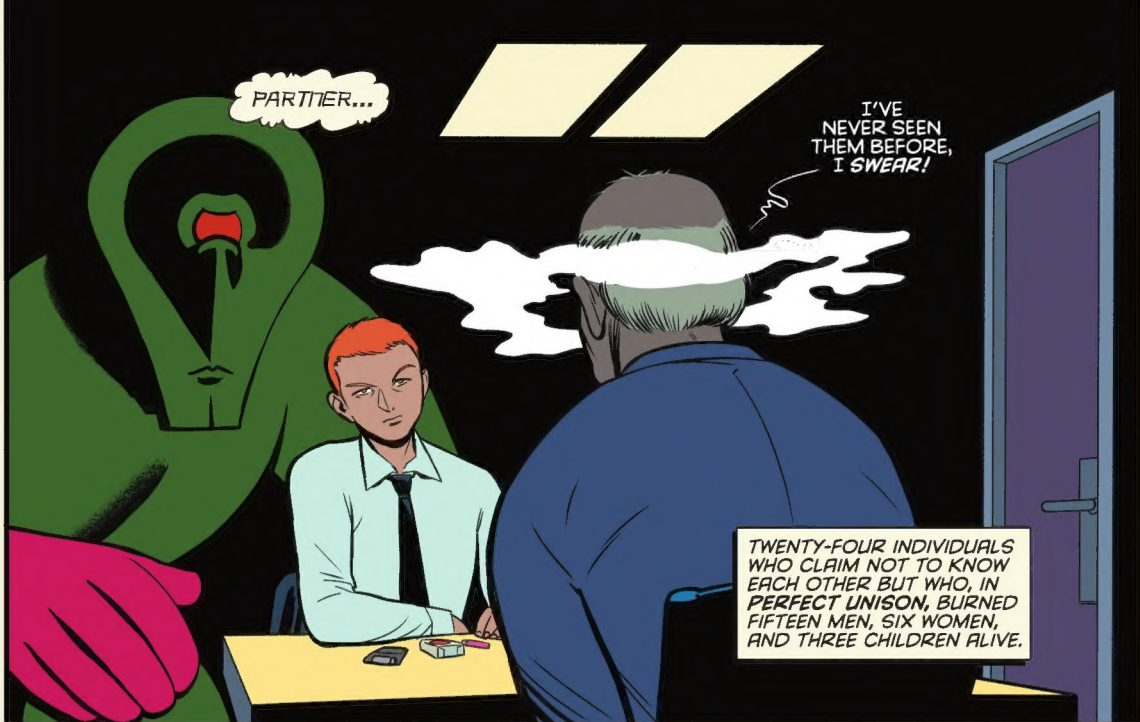
HE LIKED
HIS CHANCES
BETTER ON THE
STREET.



"BIG
AL"?



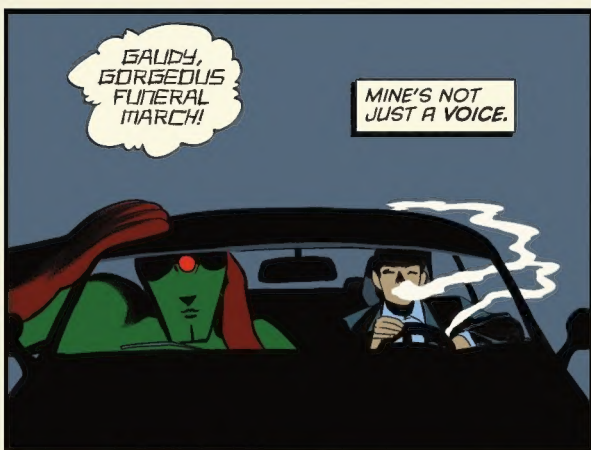
HE A
FRIEND OF
YOURS OR
SOME-
THING?





YOU KNOW THAT LITTLE VOICE
IN THE BACK OF YOUR HEAD,
CONSTANTLY TELLING YOU
THE WORLD IS GOING TO END?

MANKIND'S
LAST GASPS!
TRAGIC AND
GLORIOUS!



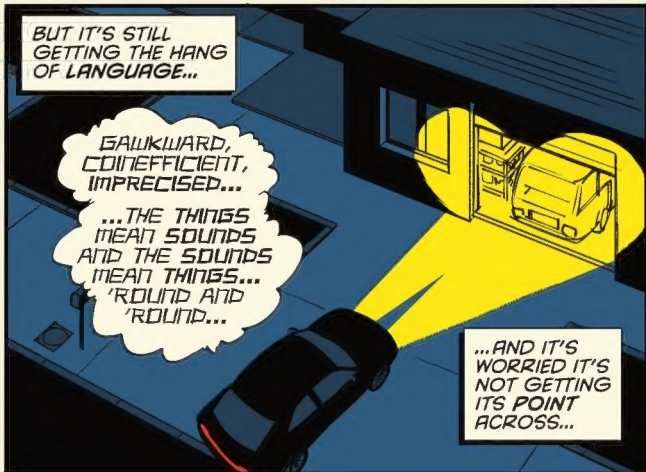
GAUDY,
GORGEOUS
FUNERAL
MARCH!

MINE'S NOT
JUST A VOICE.



BEST I CAN DESCRIBE IT,
IT'S SOMEWHERE
BETWEEN A COLOR,
A FEELING, AND A
PHILOSOPHY.

CIVILIZATION'S
CLOSING
CEREMONIES.
BEAUTIFUL TO
BEHOLD.



BUT IT'S STILL
GETTING THE HANG
OF LANGUAGE...

GAUKWARD,
CONEFFICIENT,
IMPRECISED...

...THE THINGS
MEAN SOUNDS
AND THE SOUNDS
MEAN THINGS...
'ROUND AND
'ROUND...

...AND IT'S
WORRIED IT'S
NOT GETTING
ITS POINT
ACROSS...



... SO THE WALK FROM
THE DRIVEWAY TO THE
FRONT DOOR OF MY
HOUSE BECOMES AN
INCOMPREHENSIBLE
ALIEN APOCALYPSE.

-Sigh-



I SHOULD REALLY SEE SOMEONE ABOUT THIS.

I GET WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. YOU'VE MADE IT VERY CLEAR. WHAT I DON'T GET-- WHAT YOU WON'T EXPLAIN-- IS WHY?

WHY DOES THIS "WHITE MARTIAN" WANT TO DESTROY ANYTHING? WHAT DID WE DO TO IT?



IT SAYS IT COMES FROM SOMEWHERE SO FAR AWAY IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO SPEAK IN TERMS OF DISTANCE.

THE WHITE MARTIAN HAS DECIDED ON TRAGEDY. I CAN MAKE IT NO CLEARER.

CAN'T OR WON'T?



CAN'T. ANALOGY: EXPLAIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO A SUNFLOWER SEED. MAKE A PARAMETCIUM UNDERSTAND PROPERTY. LAY OUT PRISONS TO A PEBBLE.

UNDERSTAND? CAN'T.



SO I DON'T TALK ABOUT IT AT ALL.



WHITE MARTIAN IS COSMIC PREDATOR CREATOR

IRONIST DESTROYER

A HUNDRED THOUSAND LIFEWORLDS, LOST! WHITE'S GREAT

PURPOSE DELIVRE DELIGHT.



TALK TO BRIDGET. SPEND TIME WITH TYLER.

BREATHE DEEP YOUR LIFE, JOHN JONES. WHILE YOU CAN.

THE WHITE MARTIAN HAS DECIDED ON TRAGEDY.

AT HOME THE AIR IS THICK WITH THE THINGS WE THINK BUT DON'T SAY.

...our old friends don't talk to us...

...what kind of relationship will he have with his father if I...?

...feel like I barely know him...

...just want Tyler to be happy, most important thing...

...if I leave, we can stay with my mother...

...took transfer without asking, moved us here without asking...

...why won't he talk to me?

...would he even care?

SO I OPEN A WINDOW TO LET IN SOME LIGHT AND AIR.

BRIDGE, I...

MEMORY OF: SPECIAL AGENT SUTTREE'S DISAPPOINTED FACE, SAYING--

WHY'D YOU HAVE TO GO AND DO IT, KID?

...I'M GOING TO CHECK ON TYLER.

Huh? Oh, HE'S IN HIS ROOM.







EVEN NOW, THE LOVE
SHE FEELS FOR HER
CHILDREN HITS LIKE
A BLAST FURNACE.

YOU COULD
INCINERATE
DIAMONDS
WITH IT.





HOW DO YOU STOP THIS? IT'S JUST RANDOM PEOPLE, SETTING RANDOM FIRES...

NO SUCH THING AS RANDOM. ONLY MISUNDERSTOOD.



OPEN YOUR

OUR

my

EYE, JOHN. SEE THAT INSIDE IS OUTSIDE IS ALL SIDES. SEE THE IMPLICATE ORDER OF EVERYTHING!

MARTIAN VISION-- THE ABSOLUTE PERSPECTIVE!

NOW-- WHAT DO YOU SEE?

"I see... I SEE HOME."

"NOT JUST MINE. *ALL* OF THEM. EVERY HOME THAT EVER WAS OR WILL BE, ANYWHERE ON THE PLANET.

"THAT'S WHAT IT WANTS. *THAT'S* WHAT IT'S TRYING TO BURN DOWN.

"NOT ANY SPECIFIC HOME-- OR EVEN ALL HOMES-- BUT THE *IDEA* OF HOME."

THE PLACE YOU GO INSIDE YOURSELF. CONCEPT-STELLATION:

HOME.

SAFETY.





"SHELTER."



THE SUNNYSIDE HOTEL IS MIDDLETON'S LARGEST HOMELESS SHELTER.

CRASH!
FWOSH!



MIDDLETON PD, FD, THIS IS AGENT JOHN JONES. THE NEXT TARGET IS THE SUNNYSIDE HOTEL.

I REPEAT, GET DOWN TO THE SUNNYSIDE HOTEL!



THEY CALL IT THE SUNNYSIDE HOTEL SO THAT WHEN FAMILIES HAVE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES, THEY CAN TELL THE KIDS THEY'RE GOING TO THE HOTEL.



LIKE IT'S A VACATION RESORT, INSTEAD OF A DESPERATE LAST ONE.



MOST ARE
RUNNING FROM
SOMETHING.

DADDY FOHND
YOH, LITTLE ELLIE!
YOH'VE MADE DADDY
ANGRY!



POVERTY, PERSECUTION,
ABUSE, ADDICTION...



HOW
COULD YOH
JUST LEAVE?
HOW COULD
YOH JUST
GO?

...RESPONSIBILITIES,
DISASTER, DESPAIR.



THEY'VE ALL
GOT A REASON.
AND THEY'RE
ALL DIFFERENT.

WHY CAN'T
YOH **JUST**
BE **NORMAL**
WHY CAN'T YOH
JUST BE MY
SON

BUT THEY'RE ALL
BASICALLY
DESPERATE FOR
THE SAME THING.





WE GO THROUGH THE
SUNNYSIDE ROOM BY
ROOM. THE MARTIAN
IS DOING SOMETHING
TO THE OXYGEN
ATOMS AROUND MY
SKIN SO THE HEAT
DOESN'T TOUCH ME.



BUT THE FIRE
IS MORE
THAN FIRE,
THE SMOKE
IS MORE
THAN SMOKE.



THERE ARE THINGS
INSIDE THEM THAT
REFUSE TO BE
EXTINGUISHED.







IT KNOWS...
YOU'RE HERE.
HIDING...
IN MEAT. IT KNOWS...

...YOU'RE
LOOKING.



IT...
WELCOMES
YOU...
TO WATCH.

IT LOVES...
AN AUDIENCE.



JONES!
JONES,
WHERE ARE
YOU?!



Aw,
GOD!

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA



IT'S NOT...
IT'S ABOUT...
THE
SMOKE.



YOU GET
IT, D-D-DON'T
YOU? Y-YEAH,
I CAN
TELL YOU--
YOU GET
IT

It's all in the smoke

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SMALLVILLE WAS HIS REFUGE...
NOW IT'S THE BATTLEFIELD.



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THE SECOND EPIC
ARC BEGINS
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JUSTICE LEAGUE vs. GODZILLA vs. KONG 2

INTERVIEW WITH BRIAN BUCCELLATO

Get ready for another epic showdown in *Justice League vs. Godzilla vs. Kong* 2! In this highly anticipated sequel, the Justice League faces even bigger challenges as Task Force X unleashes new hybrid Titans to threaten both Earth and Legendary Earth. *New York Times* bestselling writer Brian Buccellato dives into the thrilling developments and new twists fans can expect from this monstrous sequel.

What made you excited about jumping back into the epic world of *Justice League vs. Godzilla vs. Kong*?

Besides passionately loving both worlds and having the tattoos to prove it, the first series was absolutely the most fun I've ever had. So coming back and doing it again was a no-brainer for me.

How are you planning to take things to the next level? What bigger challenges can the Justice League expect this time around?

I've got a few tricks up my sleeve. First, I wanted to take the DC heroes to the Legendary Earth so we could have fun in their world—which includes monsters like King Ghidorah and Rodan, and the massive creatures that lurk within Hollow Earth.

Taking on Gidorah, Rodan, and some still-unannounced Legendary Titans will give the

heroes a bunch of gigantic new challenges to overcome. And of course, there is still Godzilla and Kong to contend with.

Which new characters or team-ups are you most looking forward to, and what makes those pairings so special?

Spoiler...since we last saw Lex Luthor in the first series, he has been thrust into Task Force X against his will. So he will be involved with Amanda Waller, the Suicide Squad, and a surprise villain from the Legendary world.

Also, taking a page from all the fun I had working on *Injustice*...Batman and Harley Quinn are among the most unlikely pairings in the series.

How has your collaboration with artist Christian Duce evolved since the first crossover?

I don't know if it has evolved, per se...I think

he's such a talented and skilled artist that he is making my job as easy as he did last time. And in return I'm trying to give him a few more splash pages and two-page spreads. Last time I packed so much story into the issues that I didn't do him any favors with panel counts. Sorry, Christian! I promise to do better this time.

What do you think fans will love most about this sequel? What moments or surprises should they look out for?

The "Titanizing" is a big deal, both in-story and visually for the readers. The DC heroes going toe-to-toe with the Titans is a spectacle you wouldn't normally get to see. Can't wait to see what Christian does with those pages!

Also, Superman versus Godzilla. The rematch. We can't have the sequel series without that.



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